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JCS and DOS review(s)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: EXCOM Meeting Notes

REFERENCE: Memo from DNRO to DCI dated 13 June 1969;
Subject: List of Topics for Discussion
with the Executive Committee [REDACTED]

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The following information is provided in response to the request of the DD/S&T for "memory aides" in commenting to the agenda items (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10) contained in the Reference and are keyed to the respective paragraphs.

1. Following the EC-121 loss a presentation was made to the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force (Systems Review), Harry Davis, on the capabilities of the U-2R to collect ELINT [REDACTED] on peripheral missions. (In this instance, the U-2R was considered a National Asset rather than an NRP asset.) More recently, U-2R system capabilities and costing data information was provided to the office of the DDR&E.

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2. [REDACTED] it is not an NRP asset.

3. We cannot question the propriety of the proposed study of the U-2 program. We should carefully consider, however, the delicate matter of how the loss of the U-2 program would impact on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Also, the strong arguments for continuation of the U-2 program, including U. S. manned flights, have centered around its flexibility and low mission cost during crisis situations. Identification of the costs expressed in this paragraph are estimated figures and difficult to break out. The 26.5 per cent flying hour reduction forecast for FY 71 covers both CIA and the Air Force. Since the CIA operational U-2 hours are forecast to increase significantly in FY 71, the bulk of the reduction must be in the Air Force program.

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9. The Agency remains satisfied with the present system of Operational Control of overflight of denied territory by reconnaissance aircraft. The desire of the JCS to go directly to the 303 Committee, instead of through the DNRO, on all but satellite flights, would appear to infer that the JCS should control all manned and drone flights, including CIA assets.

In the case of CIA/JCS coordination procedures, this question appears to have been resolved at the 17 June 1969 meeting of the 303 Committee.

10. The OSA Advanced Aircraft Program has not been aimed at Crisis Reconnaissance, per se. OSA is conducting a study of Advanced Aerodynamic Reconnaissance Systems under direction of the NRO. This two-phase study explores various methods of achieving a quick reaction strategic reconnaissance capability survivable primarily in the SovBloc defensive environment through the 1975-1980 period. The first phase, using FY 69 funding of [REDACTED] involves two contractors. A contract was initiated with [REDACTED] January 1969 for the defensive threat analysis and establishment of survivable profiles and tactics options. This effort, funded at [REDACTED] is scheduled for completion on 30 September 1969. A contract was initiated [REDACTED] in May 1969 to provide a hardware-oriented technical reference for [REDACTED] their threat analysis and then to conduct a technological comparison of candidate concepts meeting the profiles and tactics

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[redacted] This effort funded at [redacted] is scheduled for completion in November 1969. The second phase of the study, proposed for FY 70 funding [redacted] would involve analysis, refinement, and definition of the optimum candidate configuration in terms of hardware technology and the threat. Both contractors would be expected to participate in this second phase culminating in a fully defined program in June 1970. (Refer to memorandum concerning [redacted] studies passed to Mr. Duckett on 18 June 1969.)

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